

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Zinke, on March 28, 2011 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 428, 3/25/2011

Executive Action: SB 428, Do Not Pass As Amended (Adverse Committee Report)

Comments: SB 425, 3/25/2011 was withdrawn by the sponsor, Sen. Essmann

00:00:55 Chairman Zinke

HEARING ON SB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 428, Provide for a state equalized mill for K-12 education.

EXHIBIT(eds69a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:10 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:13:44 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

00:16:16 Molly Severtson, Executive Director, The Policy Institute

EXHIBIT(eds69a02)

00:18:09 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:05 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:20:06 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:20:42 Kevin Nelson, representing self

EXHIBIT(eds69a03)

00:22:00 Sen. Moore left the committee hearing.

Informational Testimony:

00:28:11 Jim Standaert, Senior Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(eds69a04)

EXHIBIT(eds69a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:43 Sen. Hawks

00:33:01 Jim Standaert, LFD

00:33:59 Sen. Lake

00:34:56 Sen. Kaufmann

00:35:55 Joan Anderson, OPI, without objection

00:36:51 Sen. Lake

00:37:07 Joan Anderson

00:37:17 Sen. Facey

00:37:53 Dave Galt, MPA

00:38:15 Sen. Facey

00:38:48 Joan Anderson

00:39:03 Dave Galt

00:39:14 Jim Standaert

00:39:21 Sen. Ripley
00:39:59 Sen. Kaufmann
00:40:26 Sen. Ripley
00:41:17 Jim Standaert
00:41:45 Sen. Ripley
00:41:50 Jim Standaert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:30 Sen. Kaufmann

00:45:50 Sen. Facey left the committee hearing.

00:45:59 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved that **SB 428 DO NOT PASS.**

Discussion:

00:46:01 Chairman Zinke

00:46:42 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 428 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds69a06)

Discussion:

00:47:08 Casey Barrs, LSD
00:47:30 Chairman Zinke
00:47:39 Casey Barrs

00:48:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:48:48 Sen. Brown
00:49:11 Chairman Zinke
00:50:08 Sen. Brown
00:50:45 Casey Barrs

00:51:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:52:30 Sen. Lake

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(eds69a07)

No Hearing at Sponsor's Request Form by Senator Essmann relating to SB 425.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:55 A.M.

Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds69aad.pdf](#))